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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Watkins                      GROUP: 1762  
SERIAL NO: 09/464,997                      EXAMINER: K. Bareford  
FILED: December 16, 1999  
FOR: METHOD FOR APPLYING SYNTACTIC  
FOAM THERMAL INSULATION  
TO A LENGTH OF PIPE [as amended]

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated February 4, 2002. A petition for an extension of time is enclosed herewith extending the response period to Monday, August 5, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 follows:

- 1 8.(Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of solidifying comprises the step  
2 of air cooling said thermoplastic protective coating.

**REMARKS**

Claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 10 and 12 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.